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Interface Advisory Board Meeting Agenda

January 9, 2014

- Welcome 9:am
December minutes accepted with correction;
- Attendance:

Phil Solomon, Wakefern Food Corp 732-906-5205, phil.solomon@wakefern.com
Lydia Mattson, Wakefern Food Corp.
Anne Schiadaresis, NJ Labor & Workforce Development
Al Sczweck, former J&J HR Diversity Office
Esther Portnoy, Kelly Services
Myrna Pinckney, NJDVRs Elizabeth Office
Sheri Williams, Kelly Services
John Bourbon, US Environmental Protection Agency
Emily Viola, PSEG
Ellen Kurtz, JFK Vocational Rehabilitation
Bert Kormann, JFK Vocational Rehabilitation
- Lydia introduced Phil Solomon, her replacement representative to Interface from Wakefern. Phil shared about his involvement in the Wakefern / Shoprite Supermarket program having served 6-7 thousand students . Approximately 70 graduates are working for ShopRite. A new program is currently being set up in Somerset Vo-Tech.
- PSEG was recognized for being the main sponsor for the Special Olympics, that will be having the finals in New Jersey this year. The events may be a marketing opportunity.
- Final review made of the update Interface brochure, it will be sent electronically to Board members.
- Career Options Day planning: April 4, 2014

Event this year will focus solely on adults, program will be open from 8:30am – 1:00pm

Invitation are being sent out daily, including 500 JFK Vendors. Previous exhibitors are called.

Discussion regarding workshops. Board recommends the following:

1. Continuous resume review (Kelly Services team)
 2. Social Media / Linked In (invite Matt Alcalde, BioNJ)
- on caution that employers monitor sites
 3. Electronic Applications (Ed Lloyd, JFK CAT Instructor)
 4. Interview Skills (Al Sczweck volunteered to facilitate)
Recommended by Emily . Al gave an outline of his presentation to prepare individuals for behavioral interviews.
- Al reiterated that the OFCCP staff should be requested for a presentation on the new administrative recommendations about federal contractor companies hiring 7% individual with disabilities and veterans.
 - The High School Transition program at the end of COD is terminated. The event will be focused solely on the exhibiting companies and workshops.
 - Board members shared that two companies are known to have paid internships, Wakefern, J&J and PSEG, for those students that may benefit from knowing for future use.
 - Ellen shared CDP update – total of 49 students in CDP this month. Explained about the relationship with JFK's Edison Estates LTC facility and the increasing number of worksites being set up there.
 - Ellen shared that Voc Rehab is partnering with NJ TIP to provide a listening session, then meetings to determine if the Rutgers based program will then provide training to Middlesex residents with physical challenges. This is the first effort to get transportation instruction into Middlesex.
 - Bert & Ellen share about the 2 full time graduate interns from Rutgers Rehabilitation Counseling program, working in CDP January through May.
 - Lab Assistant Training Program is adding 2 new students this month, one of which is a recent immigrant from Cuba, where he was a licensed physician.
 - Myrna presented information about the DVR challenge to begin working with upwards of 800 new clients that were previously served by DDD.
 - Ellen & Bert are starting to visit the area's DVR Offices to have listening sessions about receiving feedback about Vocational Evaluation services, and to generate ideas on serving the upcoming DDD population for work readiness.

Meeting adjourned 10:40am.

Respectfully submitted,

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